249 samples were found to be adulterated. The details of samples lifted from Meerut, Bulandshaher, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur and found adulterated is as under:—

| District | Total samples Received | Total samples Examined | Total samples found Adulterated (includes samples found adulterated due to deficiency in fat and solid not ft) | Presence of following was detected | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | $CO_3$ | Urea | Foreign fat | Glucose |
| Meerut | 164 | 156 | 70 | — | — | 2 | 1 |
| Bulandshaher | 221 | 202 | 67 | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| Muzaffarnagar | 198 | 173 | 68 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Saharanpur | 151 | 130 | 44 | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 734 | 661 | 249 | — | 2 | 2 | 5 |

A total number of 43 persons have been booked and sent to jail during the period of sample collection drive in the year 2007 till 31.10.2007. In the remaining adulterated cases, prosecution process is in progress at Local Health Authority level.

All over the state especially in western districts, strict instructions have been issued to maintain constant vigil by involving Local Intelligence Unit of the district. Raids have also been conducted through mobile teams. Tankers, Dairies and milk mandis are checked by the staff and teams of Police, Nagar Vikas and Health Department Officials and Inspectors. For effective surveillance and control of this illegal trade, State Government has constituted a team under the Chairmanship of District Collector.

The Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued letter to Food (Health) Authorities from time to time to keep a strict vigil by regularly drawing of food samples, especially of dairy products from all sources *viz.* manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers and to take strict action against the offenders under the provisions of the PFA Act, 1954.

**Primary Health Centre at Nandla**

*335. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Primary Health Centre in village Nandla of Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of adequate health facility, approximately 1000 members of population of the village is forced to walk nearly 10 kilometers to get health facility; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to provide Primary Health Centre at Nandla?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Village Nandla [Gram Panchayat Jangla] is presently covered under Health Sub-Centre, Kulgoun and PHC Jangla which are at a walking distance of 1 Km. and 2 Kms. respectively from village Nandla. However, the distance by road to PHC Jangla is about 10 kms but otherwise it is just about 2 kms distance on foot.

(c) As mentioned above, Village Nandla [Gram Panchayat Jangla] is presently covered under Health Sub-Centre, Kulgoun and PHC Jangla. It will further benefit with the appointment of ASHA in Gram Panchayat Jangla under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM]. Civil Hospital, Rohru with specialist facilities and sufficient infrastructure is also there for providing medical facilities. Under NRHM, financial support is also extended to State Government for establishment of new Primary Health Centres [PHCs] and upgradation of existing PHCs. State Governments are required to incorporate their requirement in their annual Programme Implementation Plans.

**New Catering Policy**

*336. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a New Catering Policy in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of new agencies to which catering contracts have been awarded during last three years, year-wise, together with the terms of the contracts and the procedure to be followed in this regard;

(d) the number of new catering stalls allotted during the last three years and the train numbers in which they are expected to be provided, zone-wise;

(e) whether the Kaifiyat Express train, Delhi-Azamgarh-Delhi shall be provided with this facility and if so, by when; and

(f) the steps taken to keep the prices of food items reasonable?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Railways' catering policy was last revised in December 2005. Thereafter, no new catering policy has been issued.

(c) and (d) Generally contracts for bigger catering units are awarded through two-packet tender system, and other units by calling applications. The tenure of these contracts ranges from three to nine years. Number of new licensees who have been awarded (catering units including major units) by IRCTC is as under:—

| No. of new Licensees in 2004-05 | No. of new licensees in 2005-06 | No. of new licensees in 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | 23 | 94 |

New catering stalls (small units) allotted by IRCTC during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as under:—

| Railways | Stalls allotted in 2004-05 | Stalls allotted in 2005-06 | Stalls allotted in 2006-07 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Central | 0 | 9 | 72 |